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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed April 9, 2001, please amend the claims as follows:

~~Cancel claims 21 and 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

Amend claims 1, 28, and 29 as follows:

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~~1. A method of regulating user interface controls, the method comprising:
receiving a user identifier;
accessing user information in a database based on the user identifier;
automatically associating a grouping with the user identifier by selecting a
grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the user information; and
automatically providing a set of user interface controls corresponding to the
identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar.~~

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~~28. A method of producing a toolbar having user interface controls, the method
comprising:
associating a grouping with a user identifier by selecting a grouping from a
plurality of groupings, the groupings corresponding to different maturity levels;
receiving a user identifier over a network connection;
determining the groupings associated with the user identifier; and~~

using the determined grouping to automatically produce a toolbar having user interface controls, the user interface controls included in the toolbar being based on the grouping associated with the user identifier. →

29. A computer program, residing on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

- receive a user identifier;
- access user information in a database based on the user identifier;
- automatically associate a grouping with the user identifier by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the user information; and
- automatically provide a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar. —
